

REMARKS

Claims 11-18 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The specification was amended to further clarify the features of the drawings and claims 14-18 were amended to correct informalities. Thus, no new matter is added by this Amendment. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the Office Action's indication that claims 11-18 are allowed.

I. Information Disclosure Statement

The Information Disclosure Statement satisfies 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(1).

The Office Action asserts on page 3 that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 24, 2001 fails to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(1). This assertion is respectfully traversed.

37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(1) requires an Information Disclosure Statement filed under §1.97 to include a list of all patents, publications, applications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office Action. The Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 24, 2001 lists patent numbers 09/947,363 and 09/948,583 in addition to the attorney docket numbers. Accordingly, the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 24, 2001 satisfies the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(1). Reconsideration of the references cited in the September 24, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.

II. The Drawings Satisfy 37 C.F.R. §1.83

The Office Action objects to the drawings for failing to show "a relative movement device" and "an image data processing device." Accordingly, the specification is amended to clarify these features as specified in the claims. Withdrawal of this objection is thus respectfully requested.

III. The Specification Satisfies All Informalities

The Office Action objects to the title of the invention because it is not descriptive. Accordingly, the title has been amended. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the abstract for not reflecting the elected invention, i.e., the component handling device. Accordingly, the Abstract is amended. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

IV. The Claims Satisfy All Formal Requirements

The Office Action asserts on page 4 that in claims 15-18 "an" should be changed to "the," and "component" should be deleted from claim 14. Accordingly, the claims are amended as suggested by the Examiner. Thus, the claims are now in condition for allowance.

V. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 11-18 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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